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- Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(1); 2.
- 3. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
- 4. Form PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form to cover: \$740.00 RCE filing fee (37 C..R. § 1.17(e)) and \$110.00 one (1) month extension of time fee $(37 \text{ C.F.R. } \{1.17(a)(1)\}; \text{ and }$
- 5. A return postcard.

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